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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF SPANISH TOURIST OFFICE

REF: STATE 134976 AND PREVIOUS

SPANISH EMBASSY, ON NEW INSTRUCTIONS, DELIVERED NOTE  
NO. 135 TO DEPARTMENT JUNE 14 TO SUPPLEMENT ITS PREVIOUS  
NOTE REGARDING INSPECTION OF SPANISH TOURIST OFFICE IN  
NEW YORK. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF OPERATIVE PORTIONS  
FOLLOWS.

A. THE SPANISH TOURIST OFFICES IN THE US HAVE FULLY  
OFFICIAL NATURE AND THEIR ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
INCLUDED AMONG THE FUNCTIONS ATTRIBUTED TO THE DIPLOMATIC  
MISSION OR CONSULAR OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE VIENNA DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CONVEN-  
TIONS SIGNED BY SPAIN AND THE US.

B. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT ALL THE TOURIST  
OFFICES IN THE US, WHICH BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL NATURE  
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ENJOY IN ANY CASE IMMUNITY FROM JURISDICTION AND EXECUTION  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORMS OF CURRENT GENERAL INTERNATION-  
AL LAW, PASS TO FORM PART OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN THE  
BELIEF THAT IN THIS WAY THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN

SPAIN AND THE US WILL BE ENHANCED AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING  
WILL BE FACILITATED.

C. WITH THIS DECISION, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO  
CLARIFY THE INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL STATUS OF THE  
TOURIST OFFICES IN THE US, IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDER-  
STANDINGS WHICH COULD AFFECT IN SOME WAY THE EXCELLENT  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CHRISTOPHER

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